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will read the reports into the record first, in the meantime, the Chair would like to remind the senators please that we are moving toward Final Reading, would you please make an attempt to clear the floor and take your seats, please?

CLERK: (Read reports)

(end belt #1)

(start belt #2)

PRESIDENT: I wonder if the Chair could have your attention please? We are headed toward Final Reading, the first bill this morning will be LB104, but we can't begin reading the bill until the senators are in their seats, as required by the rules of the Legislature. Once again, the Chair is asking the senators will they please take their seats for Final Reading? Attention please, the Final Reading of LB104.

CLERK: (Read LB104.)

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Motion on the desk. I move to return LB104 to Select File for a specific amendment to strike the enacting clause, signed Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for his motion. Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This is one of those bills that I did not do that much research into, until recently, and this was prompted by contacts from a number of my county boards and the objections that these people raised which seem reasonable to me are that this is an undue and improper intrusion into county government and local control and supervision over these lands, that they can make determinations as to values and to what should be exempted and what should not. Number 1 and number 2, it is an improper thing to be putting into the Constitution of the state of Nebraska, and these county officials felt so strongly about it that they contacted several senators in here and strongly requested us to make this motion so the motion has been made to return the bill and strike the enacting clause, and I would hope that you would support the motion?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kime?

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman and members of this body. As I understand this bill now, it as amended, all lands that are lakes or swamps or land that are covered by trees, will be exempt from taxes. The state will be asked to pick up this tab. In other words, the state will be asked to practically pay the taxes on this land. This will be tax-free land. We don't know what this Legislature might do in the future if this is tax-free land, why not throw it open to the public so that anyone who wants to can come in there and use that land. County boards and the county accessors are various of my counties have contacted me and pointed out the fact that the accessors of these various counties will have to reaccess this land, reaccess everything, and they are scared of this bill, they don't want any part of it.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak Senator Frank Lewis, then Fred Carstens, then Syas. Senator Lewis?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I wonder Mr. President, if Senator DeCamp would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes sir.